



Meeting Minutes	January 7, 2016	Cutter Gallery
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Commissioners attending: Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Barbara Costa, Aimee Taberner, Adria Arch, Jonathan Hyde, and Amy Mongeau (cultural liaison)

Commissioners absent: Carla Dorato, Leland Stein

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

- **Minutes** of ACAC's December 10 meeting were approved unanimously.
- **ACAC Officers:** The proposed slate of officers for 2016 was approved unanimously:
 - C. Costa, co-chair
 - S. Marlin-Curiel, co-chair
 - L. Stein, treasurer
 - J. Hyde, secretary
- **Budget:** ACAC's budget request will be sent to Adam Chapdelaine by January 11. Commissioners discussed plans to spend of the remaining FY16 funds. Based on a recommendation from a cultural planner, A. Arch suggested it might be productive to send ACAC commissioners to the upcoming Americans for the Arts annual conference that will take place in Boston. S. Marlin-Curiel suggested that ACAC consider an organizational membership in Americans for the Arts. Adam Chapdelaine will be consulted as to whether these are appropriate expenditures.
- **Cultural District:** A meeting has been scheduled for February 1 to integrate draft sections of the Mass Cultural Council (MCC) application and to plan the agenda for the required public meeting, planned for the first week in March. Input from the public meeting about ideas for cultural programs, district enhancements, and goals will be incorporated into the application narrative. Current schedule: draft application submitted to the BOS March 14; BOS approves application and resolution, March 21. The Arlington Historical Society has joined the district's Management Partnership.
- **Cultural Plan:** S. Marlin-Curiel and B. Costa met with Adam Chapdelaine and Ted Fields on December 22 to discuss how to move forward on developing a cultural plan, ACAC's FY17 budget, and possible paid staff support for cultural programming support. Both Chapdelaine and Fields support the idea of using the resources of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to develop the town's cultural plan. There is potential to use

Community Block Development Grant funds. MAPC's DLTA grant application is due February 1. The Commission voted unanimously to develop and file a DLTA application.

- **Public Art Component of Cultural District:** On December 9, ACAC coordinated a meeting to discuss initial ideas to develop public art to "fill the gap" between Arlington Center and Capitol Square in order to provide a seamless cultural district. In addition to A. Arch, attendees were Jan Whitted, Capital Square; Ted Fields, Planning Department; Jill Manca, Arlington Public Art (APA); Cecily Miller, APA consultant; and Lorri Berenberg. Ideas and locations will be developed further when MCC approves the cultural district.
- **Commission Size:** The Commission discussed the need to expand the number of commissioners to accommodate ACAC's increased work load. Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine has indicated that he is supportive of the idea. The Commission voted unanimously to request that Town Meeting approve the addition of two additional commissioners, bringing the total to nine. B. Costa will work with Town Counsel Doug Heim to draft Warrant language that needs Board of Selectmen approval before going before Town Meeting for a change in By-Laws.
- **Annual Report:** ACAC's Annual Report to the BOS is due January 15. S. Marllin-Curiel will circulate a draft for comments before filing.
- **New Business:** B. Costa urged Commissioners to take steps as individuals to support ACA's campaign to ensure ACA remains a vital cultural asset in the community.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.